

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. (April 17, 1903.) My dear Sandisan:

Doesn't your nice little telegram with its S.S. signature mean that you'd be very much disappointed if you don't hear from me in my "best backhanded copperplate style"? Anyway I am glad to think so, and so here goes.

I was pleased to get your letter this morning and hear some account of your doings. You must have enjoyed yourself among those 15 or 20 girls. I'm glad for your moral character, you don't get such feasts very often!

Your father seems to me better than for a long time, his eyes look so big, bright and black, they really startle me sometimes with their clear brilliance, he seems more alert and ready to be interested. He told Dr. Sowers the other day his grandfather lived to be a hund ninety-four and he did not see why he should not also. I think Dr. Sowers thinks he may live longer if we can get him to take his medicines and eat what he wants him to. But he was much more feeble and run down than we realized, and after you left he gave up entirely and staid in bed of his own accord two days. He has not been out yet because the weather has been raw and wet for the last week.

I am so glad to have you stop at Pittsburg. I am sorry you did not go to Yerkes! That I think was important, for you won't have another chance, however "come back and all shall be forgiven" — even the 20 girls!

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The lady who chaperoned Daisy and Gracie at Ormond, Mrs. Freeman is here, she leaves on Saturday.

Come home in time to get a good rest before the dinner, I want you to be at your very best. Melville was ill yesterday and we thought of measles, but he is better today. His mother partook again of clame here, and again regretted it. Otherwise we are flourishing, Daisy is modelling and studying Italian, and improving in strength.

I must close, goodnight Sandie my dear, Yours ever,